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## **MEMORANDUM**

TO: Administrators of Day Care Facilities for Adults

FROM: Jerry L. Paul, Director

Division of Health Licensin

SUBJECT: Conditions Allowing a Provider-wide Exception to the Requirements of

Regulation 61-75, Standards for Licensing Day Care Facilities for Adults,

Section H(9)(d)

The section in the regulations mentioned above for day care facilities for adults requires that "Hot water temperature in toilet room lavatories shall be maintained between 100 – 110 degrees Fahrenheit."

It has been determined that the hot water temperature level as currently required, may be excessively restrictive. In the interest of establishing reasonable standards which can be met by providers and yet do not compromise the health, safety, and well-being of patients cared for in the above facilities, it has been determined that alternative standards will be considered as acceptable.

All adult day care facilities for adults will be required to meet the standard outlined in the licensing standard, i.e., R61-75, Section H(9)(d), or, as an alternative:

Hot water supplied to the lavatories shall be supplied at a temperature not less than 100 degrees F. and not greater than 120 degrees F.

This exception applies to any day care facility for adults licensed by the Department. It relates solely to SC licensing standards. Any adverse condition(s) that may be related to this exception may result in revocation of the exception by the Department.

It is also recommended that the water in showers and baths that may be provided by the day care facility for adults be supplied to these areas at a temperature between 100 – 120 degrees Fahrenheit.

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If there are any questions, you may call George Moore at (803) 545-4232.

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